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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRASILIA 4721

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, BR
SUBJECT: STATUS OF USDEL JBUSMC

REF: A. STATE 126855 B. 76 BRASILIA 8136 C. BRASILIA 2222
D. BRASILIA 3688

1. REF A INDICATES THAT SECURITY ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION
BILL HAS BEEN REPORTED TO FULL SENATE AUTHORIZING MILGP
FOR BRAZIL, WHILE PARALLEL BILL IN HOUSE EXCLUDES MILGP.
DIFFERENCES AFTER FLOOR ACTION JUNE 20 WILL BE WORKED OUT
IN CONFERENCE.

2. AS I HAVE EXPRESSED IN REF C (SECTION C(2) E (7)), IT
IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND DOD MAKE A
VIGOROUS EFFORT TO OBTAIN AN EXCEPTION FOR THE USDEL FROM
THE OPERATIONS OF THE LAW CALLING FOR THE CLOSING OF MILGPS,
MAAG'S AND SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS. I HAVE LAID OUT IN DETAIL
OUR RATIONALE FOR MAINTAINING JBUSMC IN REFS B AND D.
CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO ELIMINATE USDEL JBUSMC (OR EVEN
TO REDUCE USDEL RADICALLY OR TO REMOVE THE REMAINING
GENERAL/FLAG OFFICER SLOT), WOULD BE INTERPRETED HERE AS
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A MESSAGE THAT THE US APPEARS NO LONGER TO BE INTERESTED
IN CONTINUING JOINT DEFENSE COOPERATION, OR THAT WE HAD
CHOSEN THIS MEANS TO RETALIATE AGAINST BRAZIL'S RENUNCIATION
OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND DENUNCIATION OF THE 1952 MUTUAL
DEFENSE ASSISTANCE TREATY. (WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THE
RENUNCIATION/DENUNCIATION WAS A LIMITED AND SPECIFIC RESPONSE
TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT).

3. WHILE IT IS CLEAR THAT THE BRAZILIANS ARE CURRENTLY ASSESSING THEIR OPTIONS FOR ALTERNATE SOURCES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT, DOCTRINE, PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION, AND TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL TRAINING; WE SEE EVIDENCE THAT, WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE BRAZILIAN ARMED FORCES REMAINS WELL DISPOSED TOWARD THE US AND WANTS COOPERATION TO CONTINUE. BUT AS THEY PROCEED WITH THEIR REVIEW OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF RENUNCIATION/DENUNCIATION, THEY ARE WATCHING CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS CLOSELY AND ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL AMBIVALENCE TOWARD BRAZIL WILL TRANSLATE INTO THE US BECOMING A LESS RELIABLE LONG-TERM PARTNER IN JOINT MILITARY COOPERATION. SUBJECT ALWAYS OF COURSE TO POSSIBLE FUTURE RETROGRADE DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS COUNTRY THAT WOULD RUN SHARPLY COUNTER TO OTHER USG POLICIES AND THAT AT SOME TIME WOULD DIRECTLY INVOLVE THE BRAZILIAN MILITARY (HUMAN RIGHTS, NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION), IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE DEMONSTRATE CONTINUED US INTEREST IN A CONSTRUCTIVE, COOPERATIVE SENSE, LEST THE LONG-STANDING MILITARY RELATIONSHIP BE SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED OR EVEN DESTROYED.

4. I STRONGLY URGE THE DEPARTMENT AND DOD TO DRAW UPON THE POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTELS TO MAKE OUR CASE WITH THE CONFERENCE, SOME MEMBERS OF WHICH MAY NOT BE AWARE OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE MILGP AUTHORIZATION. IF THAT EFFORT IS NOT SUCCESSFUL, I HOPE THE DEPARTMENT WILL URGE DOD TO FIND SOME ALTERNATIVE MEANS TO PRESERVE JBUSMC. IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF OUR BILATERAL RELATION-
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SHIP WITH BRAZIL THAT THIS EFFORT BE MADE.
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